CHAPTER 706

(House Bill 569)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 81 of Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Cecil County", sub-title "Charlestown", validating and confirming the ownership of certain land abutting on the lines of the revised streets and blocks in the Town of Charlestown and relating generally to property rights in the beds of the streets and public ways and in the abutting property thereof, AND PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM THEREON.

Whereas, By Chapter XXIII of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1742 the Town of Charlestown, in Cecil County, was made and created, and pursuant to the provisions of said Act a survey was made by one John Veazy, Deputy Surveyor, by which said Town of Charlestown was laid out into "Two Hundred convenient Lots, with proper Streets, Lanes and Alleys", and in further compliance with the provisions of said Act one plat, duly certified, was delivered to the Governor of the Province and the other plat, duly certified was delivered to the Clerk of the County to be enrolled among the County Records of Cecil County; and

WHEREAS, Sometime ago the original plat of the survey of the said John Veazy, which was filed in the County Records of said Cecil County, became lost or destroyed and there remains in said County Records only the original certificate of the said John Veazy, Deputy Surveyor, and the Commissioners, who were appointed by the aforesaid Act of the General Assembly to have surveyed and laid out the said Town; and

Whereas, Said certificate states that the 200 acres constituting the Town proper had been divided into 200 convenient lots, all being rectangular in shape and $11\frac{1}{2}$ by 9 perches, except certain lots along the river, and that the Streets and Lanes are 12 in number, giving their names, length and breadth as shown on the plat which was attached thereto but which has since been lost; and